

Remarks

Claims 1-8, and 10 were rejected under § 102 as being anticipated by Lize. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant hereby incorporates each of the arguments previously submitted with respect to how the claims distinguish over the Lize reference. Independent claim 1 has been amended further recite that each IR emitter is curved along its length and extends substantially parallel to the curved path, such that each IR emitter can radiate normal to the paper web. Independent claim 1 therefore has been amended commensurate with allowed claim 29 in terms of reciting that an IR emitter is curved along its length. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that Claim 29 had this allowable feature, namely, that the IR emitter is curved along its length.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of claims 11-26, 29, 30, and 32-34.

The application now appearing to be in a form for allowance, early notification of the same is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if doing so would expedite the resolution of this case.

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